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PRESS

Press release issued: U.S. EPA awards \$173.5 million for California drinking water and wastewater projects (contact: Michele Huitric)

Bay Crossings (Billy Picture) [received 2/13] – OPEN – Reporter has questions about the water infrastructure funds that were awarded to California; working to schedule phone interview with ARA Alexis Strauss for 2/15. Article will be included in Green Pages section of Bay Crossings' March issue. WTR, Michele Huitric

Freelance writer (Alexis Madrigal) [received 2/2] – OPEN – Writer is working on a book about the Prescott neighborhood in Oakland. He would like to tour and learn more about the AMCO Superfund site cleanup. Working with program and reporter to schedule phone interview on background, in advance of possible site visit. SF, Michele Huitric

Daily Journal (Winston Cho) [received 2/6] – OPEN – Reporter has questions about TetraTech and their work on Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, Treasure Island, and Navajo uranium mine. Working with program on response. SF, EMD, Michele Huitric

San Francisco Chronicle (Peter Fimrite) [received 2/12] – CLOSED – Reporter had questions about the search for an R9 regional administrator and comments made by a former EPA employee. Referred RA question to HQ and told reporter we had no information to provide regarding former employee. HQ, SF, Michele Huitric

NBC Salinas (Bianca Beltran) [Received 2/12] – CLOSED – Reporter is doing a story on the illegal dumping of 70, 55-gallon drums in Monterey County in recent weeks. Reporter wanted to know about possible penalty amounts/jail time. Referred her to local health department currently investigating case. ENF. Soledad Calvino.

Syngenta CAFO Coverage:

Honolulu Star Advertiser: http://www.staradvertiser.com/2018/02/13/business/epa-fines-syngenta-150k-for-kauai-farm-violations/?HSA=9a85e237f70ac6e1eb26e20cb3073a611b42db83

The Garden Isle (Kauai): http://www.thegardenisland.com/2018/02/13/business/epa-syngenta-settle/

Pacific Business News: https://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/news/2018/02/12/syngenta-to-pay-150k-settlement-to-epa-over.html

Honolulu Civil Beat: http://www.civilbeat.org/2018/02/epa-settles-syngenta-pesticide-claim-for-pennies-on-the-dollar/ **Westlaw/Reuters:** https://www.reuters.com/article/syngenta-epa/syngenta-seeds-settles-hawaii-pesticide-exposure-action-by-epa-idUSL2N1Q3025

Big Island Now: http://bigislandnow.com/2018/02/12/epa-reaches-agreement-with-syngenta-for-farmworker-safety-violations/

Hawaii Public Radio: http://hawaiipublicradio.org/post/syngenta-seeds-reaches-settlement-epa

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media:

Water Infrastructure – Posted to our <u>Twitter</u> page about the grants to California announced today and linked to our news release, <u>U.S. EPA awards \$173.5 million for California drinking water and wastewater projects</u>.

Web Updates:

Air Permitting – Published a permit amendment application for the Four Corners Power Plant, located on Navajo Nation lands near Farmington, NM, on our Tribal Minor New Source Review Permitting web page.

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Congressional Outreach on California SRF Awards: Brent Maier shared today's press release with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris and Representatives Jimmy Panetta, Doris Matsui, Mike Thompson, Ted Lieu, and John Garamendi announcing that EPA has awarded \$172.3 million to the state of California for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure improvements, and a \$1.2 million grant to the city of Vallejo for sewer upgrades.

Arizona State Senator Gail Griffin: At the request of our Water Division, Brent Maier shared a PDF copy of EPA's response letter from Alexis to Senator Griffin incoming letter regarding Naco Sonora transboundary sewage flow issues with the Senator and her Executive Assistant Jennifer Casselman.

Tomorrow – Wednesday, February 14, 2018 – House Budget Committee: On Wednesday, February 14th, the House Budget Committee will hold a hearing on The President's Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. OMB Director Mick Mulvaney will be testifying. 10:00am. 1334 Longworth House Office Building. https://budget.house.gov/hearing/presidents-fiscal-year-2019-budget/

Tomorrow – Wednesday, February 14, 2018 - House Energy and Commerce Committee: On February 14th, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce's Subcommittee on Environment will hold a hearing entitled, "New Source Review Permitting Challenges for Manufacturing and Infrastructure." <u>More Information.</u>

Tomorrow – Wednesday, February 14, 2018 - House Natural Resources Committee: On February 14, the House Committee on Natural Resources will hold an oversight hearing entitled, "The State of the Nation's Water and Power Infrastructure." <u>More Information.</u>

Upcoming Congressional Meetings, Hearings, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 - Arizona 8th District Special Primary: Will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 to fill the seat formerly held by Rep. Trent Franks who resigned the seat on December 8, 2017.

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 – HQ Meeting: with West Valley Water District (WVWD)Officials –(Rialto, California) - A water purveyor for portions of Fontana, Rialto, unincorporated Bloomington, Colton and Jurupa Valley. Purpose of call is to learn about EPA grant opportunities for bioremediation and/or Ion exchange wellhead treatment and green living/environmental justice projects. WVWD Attendees: Dr. Clifford O. Young, Sr., President of the Board; Greg Young, Vice President of the Board; Kyle Crowther, Board Member; Michael Taylor, Board Member; Donald Olinger, Board Member; Robert Christman, Interim General Manager; and Jamie Jones, David Turch & Associates. Background on Current WVWD Projects - WVWD Turf Replacement Program: WVWD is looking to expand its current. Turf Replacement

Program for disadvantaged communities. In 2016, WVWD was awarded a \$300,000 WaterSMART grant to expand its pilot water use efficiency Turf Replacement Program (TRP) for disadvantaged communities. The District is targeting up to 65 service connections and 120,000 square feet of turf removal. The project, when completed, is expected to save an estimated 26 acre-feet of water annually. The District's strategy is to target disadvantaged communities for assistance through the use of local, state and federal funds. The District would like to increase the pilot Turf Replacement Program to all 20,000-service connections in the District. However, the District's priority is to first assist low-income rate users. The WaterSMART project is expected to be completed in September 2018. WVWD is looking to see if EPA offers any grant programs (such as the Environmental Justice Small Grants Program) that promote environmental sustainability and water conservation. Perchlorate/Nitrate Wellhead Treatment - West Valley Water District is looking for grant funds to help install additional bioremediation and/or lon exchange wellhead treatments on at least three wells. OCIR Contact: Arnita Hannon

Friday, March 2, 2018 - EPA HQ to Meet with Arizona Local Officials: On Friday, March 2, a delegation of local officials, including Mayor Evans, Councilmembers, Coconino County Supervisors, and possibly leaders from the Navajo and Havasupai Nations will meet with EPA to discuss uranium mining issues and Navajo Generating Station. HQ Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR) is working with appropriate Program Offices and Regional staff on the meeting request. Local Government Attendees: City of Flagstaff - Mayor Coral Evans; Councilmembers Odegaard and Putzova; Assistant City Manager Shane Dille; IGA Director Caleb Blaschke; Coconino County - Supervisor Jim Parks; Supervisor Lena Fowler (not confirmed); Allie Stender, Coconino County Public Works; and leadership from the Havasupai and Navajo Nations (to be determined). OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon

Monday, March 5, 2018 – EPA HQ Meeting with Local Officials: Morro Bay, CA to Discuss Water Reclamation Facility Project: Project Overview: This project replaces the old water treatment plant and will also provide the City with a locally sustainable water supply. A project site is selected and preconstruction engineering and design activities are underway. The project cost estimate is \$150 million resulting in a combined, typical residential water and sewer rate of over \$240 per month. The City anticipates design-build procurement and project financing to be in place by early 2019 with project delivery and commissioning by mid-2022. The City has an EPA WIFIA application pending. Attendees: Mayor Jamie Irons; Council Member John Headding; City Manager Scott Collins; Public Works Director Rob Livick; and Mike Miller, The Ferguson Group. OCIR Contact: Arnita Hannon

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 – EPA HQ with Mayor Pro Tem Carmen Ramirez (Oxnard, CA): The meeting will focus on the Halaco Superfund Site and restoring Ormon Beach wetlands. Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez and Oxnard local officials continue to applied what they label as an outstanding partnership with Region IX on complete remediation of the Halaco Site as work continues to move toward that goal. Mayor Pro Tem Carmen Ramirez always appreciates the opportunity to stop in when she is in DC so that she can express her appreciations. The City's vision for reuse of the site includes a broad array of proposed projects. On this visit, Mayor Pro Tem Carmen Ramirez will also brief EPA on the city's interest in restoring the Ormon Beach wetlands. Region 9's Wayne Praskins and Brent Maier will participate.

Friday, March 30, 2018 - Sen. John McCain (R-AZ): Sen. John McCain is planning a "kick-off" event for his Rio Salado Initiative on Friday, March 30, 2018, in Tempe which will include representatives from Federal, State, Local officials and Tribal and community leaders. Acting RA Alexis Strauss who has expressed interest in attending and representing Region 9 at this kick-off event. Brent will keep the Front Office aware of the final logistics for this event. A pre-brief for Alexis will be scheduled during the early part of the week of March 24.